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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SB 352 (THOMAS)

Senate Bill 352 was amended in the House to include memorial days for Gerald Ford and Henry Ford, in addition to Cesar Chavez.

- The Senate concurred with the changes to SB 352 [RC 556: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 687 (Bishop)

Senate Bill 687 would require a county executive, within 10 days after being sworn in, to appoint a chief deputy. It also specifies that if the county executive were absent or unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the chief deputy would have to perform the duties of the county executive until the county executive could resume them. In times of emergency, it is important to have a clear line of succession for those with the authority to govern. That way, the public's health and safety can better be ensured. Currently the law allows other county officials—treasurers, clerks, and sheriffs—to designate deputies who can handle their tasks if an emergency occurs during an absence. County executives cannot.

- The Senate concurred with the changes to SB 687 [RC 567: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 785 (Patterson)

The bill would allow the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, to authorize the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop and issue specialty fund-raising license plates and collector plates.

Support: Secretary of State.

Oppose: State Police, Governor's Office -- The bill presents a potential constitutional conflict. It is unclear whether the Legislature may, by concurrent resolution, circumvent the presentment and enactment process and the Governor's signature.

- Jacobs 1 was adopted [no RC]. Logos, trademarks, etc. could not be used in an offensive manner to the logo owner.
- SB 785 passed [RC 557: 26 yes, 12 no (DEMS)].

SB 808 (OLSHOVE)

SB 809 (Kuipers)

SB 814 (Toy)

SB 825 (Allen)

TOOL & DIE TAX RELIEF

Senate Bill 808 would provide that if a school district, intermediate school district (ISD), or public school academy allowed institutions of higher education access to school facilities or activities, in order to provide pupils with information about educational opportunities, the board of the school district or ISD, or the board of directors of the public school academy would have to allow the same access to representatives of skilled trades associations, to provide information about apprenticeship programs.

Support: Mi. AFL-CIO.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Allen 1A (2 amends) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 808 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 808 passed [RC 562: 38 yes, 0 no].

Senate Bill 809 would allow the Broadband Development Authority to make grants to a qualified tool and die business for broadband infrastructure and services. The business would have to be located in a recovery zone, and approval of the Department of Treasury and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, would be required.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 809 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 809 passed [RC 563: 38 yes, 0 no].

Senate Bill 814 would allow a company with a North American Industry Classification System designation to claim an apprenticeship credit of up to \$4000 per apprentice trained by the company in a tax year. This supplements an existing \$2000 credit available for apprentice training for other industries.

- Allen 1 (4 amends) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 814 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 814 passed [RC 564: 38 yes, 0 no].

Senate Bill 825 would amend the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act to allow the Michigan Strategic Fund Board to designate up to 20 tool and die renaissance recovery zones in the State in one or more cities, villages, or townships if the local units or a combination of local units consented to the creation of a recovery zone within their boundaries.

Oppose: Mi. AFL-CIO.

- Allen 1 (4 amends) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 825 was moved to 3rd Reading.

- SB 825 passed [RC 565: 38 yes, 0 no].

SB 833 (Sanborn)

Senate Bill 833 would raise the cap on Great Lakes Water Quality bonds from 10% to 20%. The bill would change a restriction in the proposal which limited the rate at which the debt can be incurred at no more than 10% of the bonds sold in any one year. The idea was that the bond authorization would then provide direct environmental assistance for a minimum of 10 years and indirect assistance after as the funds “revolve”. The repayment of the bond is required to come from the general fund budget each year.

- Amendment 1 was adopted [no RC].
- SB 833 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 833 passed [RC: 566: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4666-68 (Ward)

House Bills 4666-68 would amend separate zoning laws to permit local units of government to approve a planned unit development with open space not contiguous with the rest of the planned unit development.

- HB 4666 passed with IE [RC 558: 38 yes, 0 no].
- HB 4667 passed with IE [RC 559: 38 yes, 0 no].
- HB 4668 passed with IE [RC 560: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 5027 (Pastor)

HB 5027 would change the allocation of the money collected by snowmobile registration fees. The bill also increases the amount of revenue dedicated to the recreational snowmobile trail improvement fund and provides more money to local units of government and snowmobile clubs.

Support: DNR, Michigan Snowmobile Association, Mi. Townships Assoc., Mi. Env. Council, Mi. Assoc. Council.

- HB 5027 was passed with IE [RC 561: 38 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 307 (Cassis)

Senate Bill 307 would require the board of a school district or intermediate school district to adopt and implement a parent involvement plan. A copy of the plan is to be provided to the parent of legal guardian of every pupil in the district. The Department of Education would post model plans on their web site.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 307 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 840 (Stamas)

Senate Bill 840 would create the Office of Small Business Czar with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The small business czar would be required to, among other things, devote his or her entire time to facilitating the creation and retention of small business jobs. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation

opposes this bill because there is currently a Small Business Ombudsman within the MEDC that performs many of the same functions for small businesses in the state.

- Garcia 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Garcia 1A (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 840 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 841 (Kuipers)

The bill would create the Office of Manufacturing Czar within the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The manufacturing czar would be required to, among other things, devote his or her entire time to facilitating the creation and retention of manufacturing jobs in this state. The MEDC, which recently hired a new CEO, Don Jakeway, whose role is to act as the “manufacturing czar” to promote manufacturing in the state, opposes this bill.

- Garcia 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Garcia 1A (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 841 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4284 (KOLB)

House Bill 4284 allows two or more municipalities (city, village, or township) to develop joint planning commissions. The participating municipalities would create such commissions through an agreement that would be adopted through an ordinance passed by each municipality’s legislative body.

- HB 4284 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

RESOLUTIONS

SR 133 (Van Woerkom)

A resolution to encourage the judicious use of antibiotics.

- SR 133 was adopted [no RC].

SR 188 (Gilbert)

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to expand its efforts through the World Trade Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization to ensure that the intellectual property of domestic businesses and individuals is protected.

- SR 188 was adopted [no RC].

SR 189 (Hardman)

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to take necessary actions, through the International Monetary Fund or otherwise, to ensure that foreign nations that trade with the United States do so fairly and do not manipulate their currency.

- SR 189 was adopted [no RC].

SR 190 (Van Woerkom)

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to develop economic incentives and other programs to aid in the recovery and stabilization of the manufacturing industry in the United States.

- SR 190 was adopted [no RC].

SR 194 (Kuipers)

A resolution to urge the Michigan Education Alliance to study the issue of replacing the MEAP test with an alternative.

- SR 194 was adopted [no RC].

SR 199 (Cropsey)

The would memorialize Congress (Senate Democrats) to end it's filibuster of Bush's judicial nominees.

- SR 199 was adopted [RC 569: 22 yes, 16 no].